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The new owners of Minden's River Cone excited to make their dreams come true. See page 2.

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The Haliburton County Huskies are looking for billet families to provide a home for players for the 2021/22 season. See page 3.

A new beginning

Staff from the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre were excited to announce the birth of five new wolf pups in May. See page 5.

Algonquin Highlands resident Tammy Nash captured his shot of a bear while out on a hike on May 16. "Sitting and watching the two beavers out of their den... enjoying mother nature's noises and I hear branches breaking to my right... it's a bear walking the shoreline towards me, but across the water," Nash said.

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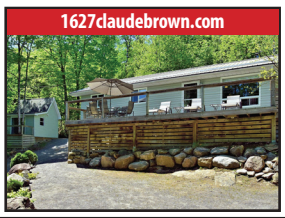

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Ben Scott, left, and Monica Bolton, right, seen here with daughters Sofia and Izzy, are the new owners of Minden's iconic River Cone. The popular riverside snack stop re-opened last weekend. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

New owners at River Cone offer sweet place for treats

SUE TIFFIN

County Life Staff

For Ben Scott and Monica Bolton, becoming the owners of the River Cone in Minden village is the cherry on top of fulfilling their longtime dreams and entrepreneurial goals.

The couple fell in love with the area after being introduced to it in 2014 by friends who live here. Bolton had grown up in Peterborough and Scott grew up on a farm between Port Hope and Peterborough, but they settled into an urban life.

"We found ourselves living in downtown Toronto, both working really long hours," said Bolton. "We had a craving to escape every weekend and go to the woods or go camping, a lot of camping."

Scott was working as a construction supervisor, renovating older homes into luxury homes, while Bolton was in technology solution sales for critical business applications.

"I've been working in that industry for close to 20 years," she said. "Really interesting project but very high stress and a lot of demands on your time. I was just finding that being in Toronto and then shutting off my computer at the end of the day and then walking outside and running into a whole bunch of people, was a little overwhelming."

"I had dreamed of living on a river for most of my life. I don't know why – it must be something about reading *[The Adventures of] Huckleberry Finn* when I was a kid," said Scott. "When our friends moved to Minden and we began spending time here, it seemed like such a natural fit for us. We thought about other places we could end up, and Minden just kept pulling us back."

In October 2018, the pair moved here with their kids. Scott, who is also a carpenter, began working for a local builder and Bolton worked remotely but travelled a lot. She had just accepted a promotion at the global company she was with when the pandemic was declared and the department she had moved into was affected by mass lay-offs.

"I found myself laid off in the summer and needing a change for a multitude of reasons," she said. "I'm an entrepreneur at heart. I love people, I love community, and I really felt like it would be nice to contribute in some community focus rather than working for a corporate company again."

"You never know what's going to happen, things are unexpected," said Scott. "We were kind of standing around, looking at ways we could get involved in the community in a business way. This sort of came up at the perfect time, we were able to do it at that time. We were looking for the next avenue, and it popped into our laps, and here we are, we find ourselves about to open a restaurant – our own place."

Scott said it has always been his dream to own a restaurant.

"It was a really food-oriented childhood," he said, of growing up on a farm. "I was cooking a lot when I was a kid. We had a really busy family environment – even though we were pretty isolated, it was really busy with the farm. My parents were working, and I had a baby brother when I was nine. I got to choose between doing farm work and cooking meals, so on the nights when it was getting dark, I was just a little kid, so I said, I'd

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Huskies welcoming billet families into its pack

DARREN LUM
County Life Staff

Take a unique opportunity to give back to the community by showing the best of the Highlands as a billet family for a Haliburton County Huskies player, said volunteer billet coordinator Jess Jackson.

"I think it's a great way for the community to get involved. I think there is certainly a great opportunity for families with young children to benefit by having that role model outside their immediate family unit and I think it's a really great way to connect the team with the community itself given that all the players are not going to be local players," she said. "It kind of provides that additional diversity that maybe we're not accustomed to having in our community because we've never really had this experience in the past with respect to asking community members to billet someone for this particular reason."

Jackson said a billet family needs to provide a healthy environment and is non-smoking for players between 16 and 20 years old. Prospective applicants will undergo a screening process, which includes all adults 19 and older in the household completing a vulnerable sector criminal record check. The family not only provides day-to-day living arrangements, but ensures access to laundry facilities, provides an unshared room with a dresser and closet space, a double-bed or larger per player, study area (desk preferred), meals, unlimited WiFi for online courses, but also "instill values and team rules along the way." Players, who should be treated like a member of the family, are expected to be role-models for children of the household. All transportation is handled by the player or arranged through the team. A parking space for a vehicle is preferred, but not mandatory.

Players will require accommodations starting mid-August to coincide with the team's training camp and last for eight months.

According to the team's website, billet families are eligible for a "billet package," including billet compensation money, two season tickets for regular season and playoff games. For more information and to apply email huskieshousing@hotmail.com

Born and raised in the Highlands, Jackson loves this community and said a billet family provides a doorway to learning about the area through immersion.

From the billet experience, there will be a community immersion with the family, who will enable a rich experience for the players they accommodate. This could occur through someone's work or even their hobby.

"I truly think just by being immersed in the family unit outside from what is different from their own is an opportunity for any person to learn and to expand their skill set, their knowledge base, their culture," she said.

She adds the typical seasonal harvesting of maple syrup would be just one example of a learning opportunity unique to this rural area.

It will not only leave a lasting impression on the player, but the families they come from outside the Highlands.

"From the families of the players, they will be excited to know that there is the option or the opportunity to have add such a fulsome lifestyle for their children, or something that is different than they're used to," she said.

The 2003 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate went away for post-secondary education and the absence provided perspective about the quality of the close-knit culture that exists here.

"I have such an appreciation for the beauty of our area and I think you get such a warm feeling ... I'm such a proud member because I like the fact I can walk down the street and be recognized and say hello to somebody," she said. "The small-town vibe. There's really something to be said for that and I think in terms of a lot of the families in [the] community [that] are born and raised, or they're multi-generational and so I think the fact it's not uncommon for youth in our community to have those close relationships with not only their parents, but their grandparents, their aunts and uncles. Not every family has the benefit. I know I certainly did and have all my life. I've been able to learn so much from ... maybe it's not my grandparents, but it's friends' grandparents or co-workers parents. There's that connectivity between so many different generations. There's so much knowledge and history within the community."

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Cone owners focus on ice cream dips, homemade food, community space

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rather cook in the house then go out into the barn in the dark."

Scott said he got his "hands dirty in the kitchen" early on.

"My dad was always a big fan of, get out there and find work and make sure that you can feed your family," he said. "He said, get into the food business at least at some point in your life, that way you'll never go hungry, your family will never go hungry."

Scott's first jobs were in restaurants, and eventually in his 20s he moved on but didn't forget his interest in being a restaurant owner.

"I dreamed about it when I was young," he said. "It was a long circle, but it did come around full circle, eventually."

The sale of the River Cone closed in the middle of January this year, and despite it being the middle of winter, Scott and Bolton celebrated on-site in the cold.

"It was a little rough around the edges, but nothing we couldn't work with," he said.

And work they have: improving the facade of the building, insulating it, adding a convection oven, and renovating it to be able to expand beyond a seasonal business.

"We think the cone is such a cool building," said Bolton. "There was always the option to rebuild if we wanted to, but I always thought that would be a great location to make it more of a park. Still put smiles on kids faces, serve the soft serve, but maybe convert this kitchen into something more permanent that can pivot."

"That's the hope, that if everything comes together the way we're hoping it will, we'll be able to keep the business open for longer portions of the year," said Scott.

They'd like to be able to cater to snowmobilers with an appetite, perhaps with chili by a bonfire, and also host community events. A basketball net was delivered on the weekend.

"My vision is about the customer experience," said Bolton. "It's really taking that spot and making it into a spot for people to come and hang out, or a spot to put movies in the park, or music festivals, or food festivals. I know we're in [a pandemic] right now and we need to crawl before we walk and run but that's something I get excited about in the future as well."

"That's the stuff that was really intriguing for us, about the River Cone," said Scott. "Had it been just the business, a tiny footprint of land without the parking space and trees and all the rest, we would have still been interested in it, definitely, but it was also compelling because the business was also on a fairly decent piece of land which meant that all these other things become possible. They're pretty nascent, they're not things that we can pull off today, but we're really hoping down the road we'll be able to introduce more and more things, just because of the amount of space we have."

Their excitement is energetic, with ideas for every part of the property but also for the menu. While they don't want to change the character of the menu too much, they do want to keep what has worked really well, and bring more of a homemade and home cooked taste to the food.

"Instead of doing the frozen fried chicken sandwich or burger, we're going to do a homemade buttermilk marinated chicken sandwich, just add a level to some of the things," said Scott.

"A little more home cooked, not out of the freezer," said Bolton.

"We're still going to be deep frying food, but it's going to be a little bit more homemade," said Scott.

With rotating features they hope to explore what works, having the freedom to try ideas they want to introduce to people, or that they want to try for themselves.

"We're going to add this other layer, just to see how it works out," he said. "If it blows up, and it's clearly popular, maybe it finds a home on the permanent menu. It's a fairly small kitchen so obviously we can't do all of those things at the same time, we have to keep the capacity in check."

Bolton, with a love for chocolate, is giddy as she describes a variety of dips being introduced for the soft serve cones.

"Dipping is kind of going to be something that will be new," she said. "We're going to be offering all the things that were previously offered, but dips are what we're going to focus on this year. Choose your dark chocolate, light chocolate, salted caramel, pralines and cream, mocha – a variety of chocolate dips and sprinkles. The ice cream is going to be fun – my kids are excited about that."

"It's an ice cream cone, so we will still definitely be serving plenty of ice cream," notes Scott.

The pair have been making connections with other food businesses and local purveyors as well.

"That's a big part of it, too," said Scott. "If we can feature someone else's product, or collaborate with somebody and it benefits everyone, then we're all in for that type of idea."

Since announcing their new venture, Bolton and Scott have been greeted with congratulations, elation and stories of nostalgia. Several of the people doing work on the building have shared their own stories of the River Cone from their childhood, or their kid's childhoods.

"It has a legacy," said Scott. "It's really neat being part of something that has such a cool story, that has so many people connected to it. We haven't heard anything negative about what we're doing. People understand it's a place in the community, a place in town, it's so centrally located and so many people go there, that it makes sense to make improvements and increase what it can do. That's really all that we're doing. It's been generally positive from pretty much everyone we've talked to."

Bolton said when they first came to Minden, she connected to something in the smell of the air, which brought a sense of peacefulness for her. The opening of the River Cone, planned to happen this month, brings that same feeling.

"We didn't know what it would be like for our kids, living in Minden," said Bolton. "We didn't know what it would be like for us, but we love it and we love the community here and we feel now that we love it enough to invest in it. It makes it feel like a more permanent lifestyle choice to live here now, which is a nice feeling."

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Welcoming the wolves: five pups born at Haliburton Forest's wolf centre

SUE TIFFIN

County Life Staff

In early May, Luna, the alpha female at Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre began exhibiting denning behaviours – she wasn't seen much when the rest of the pack was in the observation area, and when she was spotted after being gone for a day or two, she reappeared looking exhausted, covered in dirt, and then leaving again.

A few days after that, on May 10, the team at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve posted a 'pupdate.' Luna had delivered her seventh litter.

"We found five beautiful pups in this year's den," read the pupdate on social media. "Four males, one female. All are black furred with the exception of one brown male."

As does happen every year around this time, the news – alongside the adorable photos capturing the assessment – was greeted with celebration and excitement online.

The day the pups were found was especially meaningful to Marena Wigmore, who for the first time was part of the team that ventured into the enclosure to look for the newborn wolves.

Every summer as a child, Wigmore would visit the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre from the family cottage on Kennisis Lake.

"It would always be at least once a summer, we'd go with Grandma and Grandpa, we'd get a new wolf t-shirt, we'd go to the Cookhouse for lunch, that was something that we did every summer. I still have a bunch of the wolf t-shirts, I wear them as pajama shirts now."

Seven years ago, in 2014, Wigmore joined the Haliburton Forest staff – at first seasonally, and then year-round as the Forest's Group Experiences Coordinator. In May last year, she took on the role of Wolf Centre Coordinator from Paul Brown, who she had known since she was about five years old, and who continues to work at the Forest, as security co-ordinator.

"There's a lot of little nuances to it, it's an exciting thing though because it is such a well-known and loved facility," she said. "Times are always changing, and one of my goals is to bring it into current times and make it attractive for changing audiences. As much as we have our people who have been coming for years and years and love it, we want to offer new experiences for people who have been coming forever, or [make it] even more exciting for people who haven't been before. The wolves are obviously amazing, too. But that's an exciting part of the job, being able to kind of help make it even better than what it is."

Earlier this year, the Wolf Centre experienced devastating loss when three adult males and one eight-month pup died, with one possibly having been trying to take over the alpha position, and three being due to undeterminable cause of death. Typically, the Wolf Centre might lose one or two wolves of the pack a year, but having the deaths come in rapid succession was difficult for staff, and for longtime fans of the Haliburton Forest family.

"It makes it even harder when you didn't see what happened, don't know exactly how they died and you just realize they're no longer part of the pack," said Wigmore. "And then the harder part is having to tell people who love them as well. You have that conversation every day, sometimes three or four times a day, with people who haven't been for awhile. They come in and they're getting up to date. Of course they want to know how the pack's doing since they've last come, and ... so you have to have that really sad conversation over and over again."

The pups being born has created a positive buzz after this year's grief, and during the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic, now in its second year, with the Wolf Centre closed to the public during the province's third lock-

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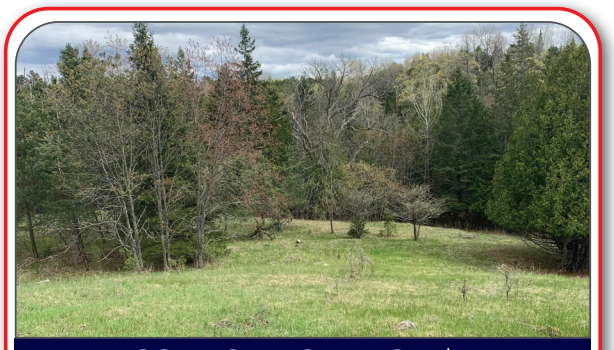
Marena Wigmore, Haliburton Forest's Wolf Centre coordinator, quickly assesses newborn wolf pups born to Luna and Piper back in May. /Submitted photo



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An inspector calls

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A FEW YEARS ago I was waiting in a meeting room of a Sudbury hotel to speak to a group of people. All went well until an apparent stranger entered the room.

I could not place him for a while, but then an event 40 years before came vividly to mind.

The location was a small place on the Canadian Pacific Railway line and the time was the mid 1950s. The place was a one-room school, it was past morning recess and school work was continuing. There was a knock on the door and, as the young teacher went to answer it, he reflected on the identity of the visitor. Perhaps it was a parent, who had arrived with a forgotten lunch.

Sitting by the window in the classroom, you could see down to the train station. There was a tall boy in the class, and so the teacher had told him to look every day at 11 a.m. to see if a man in a suit alighted from the train.

There had been no such report that day and the young teacher opened the door with confidence. But there stood a man in a suit. His youthful spotter had let him down and an important man from Sudbury had arrived.

Those memories came flooding back to me as I rose to speak to the assembled audience. You see, the unexpected visitor was a school inspector and I had been the young teacher. Now, here he was again, a dignified gentleman well into his 80s. He was doing what he had done so many years before I felt, listening carefully, waiting to see if the speaker was doing a good job.

Today it is hard for most people to understand the power or the presence invoked by an inspector of schools when that office was current in Ontario. Dating back from Egerton Ryerson, founder of the public school, the office of inspector was a powerful and important one. His duty was to see that the curriculum was taught, discipline maintained and the classroom well-managed.

Teachers today may see a visiting superintendent, but it's usually the principal who functions in a supervising role.

Then the operative word was inspector. The government official reported on the efficiency of education in the classroom. He was there to see the province had its money's worth. Once a year his visit was guaranteed and a few weeks later his report given to the school board. There would be a couple of sentences on each staff member. This almost impossible to dispute judgement could ensure continued employment or summary dismissal at the end of the school year.

The inspector applied the letter of the Education Act. He kept tabs on many civic events on behalf of Queens' Park. A reference for a teaching position ensured a job was obtained. A negative report confirmed that an applicant should look for another line of work.

On January 11, 1969 the province changed its school system, creating large school boards. Inspectors paid by Ontario were gone and superintendents, paid by local funds, were in charge.

At the close of my speech, the long-retired school inspector came, shook my hand and said he had followed my career with interest and then left.

I almost sighed with relief. As ever, his comment was brief. My presentation was satisfactory.

School inspectors were stern but I feel they had a useful place missing today.

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Top 10 reasons why the early bird gets the worm

I THINK WE are all aware of the saying "The early bird gets the worm." Lately, however, I've spent a lot of time wondering why. Here are the top 10 reasons that answer that question.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. There is only a limited supply, so you have to get there early.
2. Late birds don't know how to cook them.
3. Way faster than an early turtle.
4. He knows a guy…
5. His best friend is a worm. So, he really gets them.
6. Willing to pay top dollar.
7. He's not a night owl.
8. Actually wakes up when the alarm goes off.
9. He refuses to pay that much for a box of leeches.
10. Always front of the line at the bait shop.

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I do not care if I ever see a shopping mall again.
I do not care if large grocery stores should vanish completely.
I do not care if all my clothes should slip from my body like silken vanity.
All I need…
Is to see the rising sun through the silhouetted trees.
To hear the loons calling in their haunted orchestra
On a star drenched night.

All I need…
Is the delightful dancing of the red fox,
And heron wings passing through my dreams.

All I need…
Are bird song calls into infinity,
And the wolve's faint voice, howling in the distance.

All I need…
Is the forest ever widening into fabled green.

All I need... remains unseen.

Karen Dawnn

Hali I need to Leave

Hali I need to leave
Burton no reason to greav
Bored of small town talks
Tired of Head Lake walks

Big city life is what I'm out for
Work for big wigs with an open open door
Cars and Bars and City Lights
Jazz and Brass and Rocking Nights

So I packed my bags and said Good Bye
My Parents cried and wondered why
Why trade the Highlands for concrete walls
High-rise buildings and Silent halls

I knew what I wanted and had to find out
Is grass really greener on the other side
I found out with a knock and a bout

Now I am older with kids and a wife
She wants to know of my former life
The lakes, the hills, the forests so green
The deer in your yard she has never seen

Haliburton will you have me back
There's not just me but my whole loving pack
We cannot wait to breathe the fresh crisp air
Hali I love you, Burton I care

Siggi Debes

Litter is the seventh for 10-year-old Luna

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down.

"Having new life brought in - quite literally - to the pack, really eases the heart a little," said Wigmore. "And of course, puppies are freaking adorable. It gets everybody excited and brings positivity to a time that a lot of people are having a hard time in."

Luna is 10 years old this year. Her first litter came in 2014, the year after the Wolf Centre's enclosure fence had been cut by vandals, and four of the pack's nine wolves at that time – including Luna's parents and two juvenile males - left the enclosure. While two of the wolves were found shot dead, the other two were never located and it is likely they died of starvation within a few weeks. Luna had a litter of four that first year, the year she had reached maturity, with one of the four pups surviving. The next year, her litter had three pups that all survived to adulthood. Her third litter saw six pups – two died, two stayed with the Haliburton Forest pack, and two were transferred to the Wolf Science Centre in Vienna, Austria. In 2017 her fourth litter saw seven pups, three going to other facilities and four - one would survive to adulthood - staying at the local Wolf Centre. In 2018, she miscarried. Two more litters have come since then, and now this year's litter of five.

As alpha female, Luna's role in the pack is to reproduce.

"Part of her job, and how she maintains that role, is to stress any other mature females to the point that they don't even go into heat," said Wigmore. "And then if they do somehow go into heat, if she didn't quite do that successfully, then she's got to stay on top of them during mating season to make sure that they aren't bred. That can be done by physical attack, it can be done by preventing them from eating or chasing them away from the pack and ostracizing them."

One such method is for Luna to not allow other females to join in on pack howls, a time of bonding.

"They love howling together. You can see the tails wagging, they're rubbing on each other and just loving it. But she will intentionally train it into some of the other females that they're not allowed to participate in it."

Piper is currently the only mature male in the pack.

"We did see him do his job many times while she was in heat," said Wigmore. And then, laughing: "He just has to worry about it one week of the year, she's on it all year-round."

Mating season usually happens toward the end of February. The Wolf Centre staff keeps a record book of observations about the pack – one that prior to the pandemic is visible to the public and always of interest to the most dedicated Wolf Centre fans - and had noted mating behaviours.

"From the first day that we see mating behaviours to the last day, we write that in our calendar," said Wigmore. "We'll kind of go 63 days ahead from that first day, and 63 days ahead from that last day to give us the window of when we would expect to see puppies, and then keep a really close eye leading into that week or so and during that time."

Once the staff is confident birthing is complete, a very small team enters the enclosure to check in on what has happened – they want to assess how many pups have been born and survived, what sex they are, what colour, as well as deworm the pups.

"This is the first year I felt comfortable going in and doing it myself as well," said Wigmore. "I will admit I had a small tear in my eye. They're so sweet, they're so, so sweet."

It isn't the first time Wigmore has had the opportunity to get close to a wolf pup - a few years ago, one pup was being sent to another facility but had to stay at the Wolf Centre until the facility was ready to take her.

"So we had this little teeny wolf puppy that one of our staff was diligently taking care of, that we had to socialize," said Wigmore. "She would be hanging out in the office with us, at two and three weeks of age, so I got to interact with her quite a bit before she went to her home, so that was really cool. I have a little bit of experience with the little ones but to see them at like maybe two days old, that fresh, is really incredible."

She's been a spotter before during the pup check, but

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On May 10, the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre announced the arrival of a litter of five wolf pups - four males and one female - to Luna and Piper. Marena Wigmore, wolf centre co-ordinator, said the pups might venture into the public viewing area of the enclosure in June. /Submitted photo

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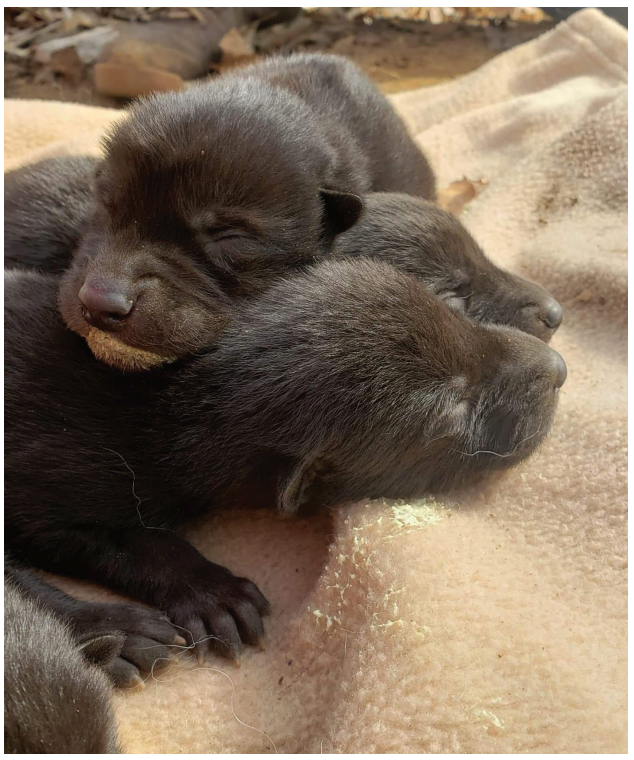
Wigmore says survival comes before protecting pups for wolves



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never someone inside the enclosure.

"It's always exciting for us," said Wigmore. "We choose our team kind of selectively based on who's comfortable, who's cautious, is going to follow the safety rules, and who knows what they're doing. Those are all really important. And we need somebody who's ready to crawl in a den. This year we had Ted [Ruttan] do that – he's perfect for it because he's a tall, thin dude. He's long, so if the den is deep he can go pretty far in, and he's got narrower shoulders so he can fit into a smaller hole. He was perfect for that job."

When humans enter the enclosure at the Wolf Centre, they don't often get a good look at the enclosure's inhabitants.

"Typically when we are in the enclosure, they're completely afraid of us, and we don't really see them other than quickly running by in the distance," said Wigmore. "Certainly if we see mom's kind of hanging out in the trees, a little bit closer, then we're definitely going to go a little bit quicker, make sure we get out of her hair and let her get back to her puppies as quick as she can."

While one person locates the pups within the den, two people do the deworming and examination, and two act as spotters to keep an eye on the wolves and their behaviour while the team is inside the enclosure.

"Are they getting uncomfortable? Do we need to speed up and get out of here quicker, because we don't want to bother them if we don't have to," said Wigmore.

First, it's noted where Luna is – she has to be seen to know she's not in the den before the team begins looking for it.

"She'll hear us and smell us coming," said Wigmore. "She'll feel the vibration of our footsteps coming toward the den. So usually she's cleared out quite before we get there. If we see her hanging around a little bit, that might give us a clue that we're close."

One commenter on the pupdate social media post asks how the humans get close to the pups, without their parents becoming aggressive or upset.

"Because our pack are unsocialized, they are very much afraid of humans," reads the response from the Wolf Centre. "When we enter the enclosure we typically only see them at a distance, their fear of humans overrides the instinct to protect the pups."

Once the humans are out of the way, a wolf will check on her pups, but their own survival comes first.

"Everything with wolves is about survival," said Wigmore. "Everything they do. Every movement they make, they're thinking about how it affects their survival. They can have more puppies but they can't replace themselves, so it's always more important for them to look after themselves, first. If they can take care of the puppies, awesome, but they've got to look after themselves first and the overall well-being of the pack."

The team of five first began checking out past known dens within the enclosure.

"Especially because Luna's old, that's a lot easier for her than digging a new den, so she did reuse a previous den, this year as well, so it was fairly quick to find," said Wigmore. "The other thing we look for is typically they're going to [choose] into a side of a hill. They're going to stay away from low ground so that way the den's not flooding, or getting too wet or too cold and it's easier to kind of dig kind of sideways and down versus straight down. It's easier for them to get in and out, easier for the pups to get in and out when they're at that point. So that kind of gives us a clue of where to start. And then we'll listen. Sometimes you'll hear the pups making little whimpery, squeaky noises from inside the hole, so that's usually a pretty good clue."

Finding the den leads to further excitement – and perhaps a bit of acrobatic spectacle.

"So you've got Ted in the den, we're holding a little flashlight for him so he could see what he's doing," said Wigmore. "And so, you can't really crawl backwards or turn around, it's quite a tight hole. Tegan's got his legs, and he says, 'OK, pull me back.' She pulls him back a little bit, just enough so he can hold up his arm with a little puppy in his hand."

Wigmore took the pup to a warm blanket for the check-up while Ted went back to look for more, until the team was confident they had an accurate count.

"It's pretty quick, from the time we find the den until the time we get out, I would say, no more than 10 minutes," she said. "We try to go as quickly as we can."

The survival rate for pups is about 50 per cent.

"In general whether it's in captivity or in the wild, wolves do have that really high mortality rate, up to the first year-and-a-half," said Wigmore. "The biggest cause is starvation, if its mom isn't producing milk very well, or she has a large litter and doesn't have enough, or you might have a really dominant pup or two that's actually pushing the others away to be able to nurse. The hierarchy and dominance and figuring out who goes where starts in the den, right away. So sometimes that does happen, or if mom's just not very healthy. Birth defects can happen. Predators [happen] more in the wild – we don't have too much issue with that in a closed environment. Just general illness, things like this, if they're born as a runt or something. And sometimes it comes out of nowhere. They might make it to a year and then they just die. In general if they're not tough enough to cut it, they just don't even make it to adulthood if they're not going to be able to survive."

This year of the pups, the Wolf Centre is keeping four, and sending the fifth – a male – to another facility.

The four pups that will be kept will replace those lost in the pack last year.

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Community invited to help come up with names for new pups

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"Basically exactly the ones that passed is how much we're getting in, so it's interesting how balanced it comes out," said Wigmore. "It's just like, an unspoken thing that Luna knows exactly what to do."

The transfer of the fifth pup will happen soon – prior to his senses being fully developed to make his transition easier.

"We'll pull them out when they're about 10 to 12 days old if they're going to be departing," said Wigmore. "Before their eyes and ears are developed, because they're all born deaf and blind. So the best situation for them is that when those senses do develop, they are with who their caregivers are going to be, or at the facility they're going to spend their life at. That way there's less shock, less confusion, it's just a smooth start to their life."

From the Wolf Centre team assessing the newborn pups, there's only about a 10-day window to coordinate an alternate facility for pups, which is generally based on sex, and availability of room in a pack.

"We really base it on what our current pack looks like," said Wigmore. "Generally we don't like to keep more than 12 just to ensure they have enough space to feel comfortable. And that we're not overextending ourselves in terms of food, because so much of it comes from roadkill deer, or from beaver from local trappers. We never have a set guarantee of how much food is going to be coming in, and we don't want to be in a situation where we can't provide them a good proper diet."

By the time the wolf pups are three weeks old, they're already beginning to explore their surroundings and poke their noses out of the den.

"As soon as their eyes open and they have hearing, they start exploring and it just takes them a little while to expand their radius to the point where they'll come where we can see them," said Wigmore.

Usually the first sighting of the pups in the observation area is when they're about six to eight weeks of age, in mid-to-late June.

Around Thanksgiving, when staff has a better idea of whether the pups will continue to survive, the public is invited to enter a contest to name them. This year, the names chosen must start with the letter V.

"It makes it easy for us to keep track of age and who's from what litter," said Wigmore, of the names by alphabetical order. "We actually have it in-sync with our dog kennel as well with the huskies, that way if we have staff crossing over from one place to another it's a very quick [understanding] of how old they are, if someone's asking."

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>
> — Marena Wigmore

And people do ask – the "hardcore fans" can identify wolves in photos, but even those visiting the facility for the first time have plenty of questions to ask about the animals, so rarely seen by humans.

"Wolves are one of those animals that people have a lot of misconceptions about, or they hear one little fact about them that sticks in their brain," said Wigmore. "So much of it is wrong. So it's quite a joy to be able to talk with people and be able to explain to people, hey, that little bit you heard is kind of right, but here's the full story, and here's a bit more information to understand this fact that you have been told."

Her passion for the wolves and the Wolf Centre leads her to wanting to nurture that understanding and enjoyment of the animals in others.

"It's really exciting to have people have that a-ha moment," she said. "Whenever people ask me, what's my favourite part of the job, I always say it's that moment when people walk into the observation area and I hear them say, 'oh wow.' For me, because I see it all the time, I don't have that moment of 'oh wow,' very often unless they're doing something really cool. But getting to see and hear people have that on a daily basis, is really fulfilling."

The pupdate post on Facebook has hundreds of comments and has been shared hundreds of times.

"It makes me so happy to see all the comments and all the love that people are feeling from these puppies and because of these puppies, how much happiness it's bringing people," said Wigmore. And how much happiness, too, they bring to their mom.

An average lifespan for a wolf in the wild is about four to five years, and at the Wolf Centre's facility, about five or six.

"It's a little bit higher, but similar because of how similar we try to keep their life for them," said Wigmore. "She's done very, very well. It's not uncommon to see higher ranking wolves exceed the average. So seven or eight [years] for an alpha in the wild is kind of normal."

Right now, Luna looks good physically. She's very grey at this point in her life, and has the odd stiffness in her hips on a cool morning or if she's been laying down a lot.

"I'm sure she's exhausted right now with the puppies and is going to take some time to recover," said Wigmore. "Last summer she took five months to kind of spring back to her Luna self after puppies. She may take a little longer this year, maybe until the fall, to kind of spring back. But we'll see - she's already defied the odds, she's the oldest living female we've ever had, and is very close to being the oldest wolf that we've ever had, which almost made it to 12. So she's doing really, really well."

Wigmore's pride and love for Luna is evident in her voice, and in her enthusiasm for sharing her story.

"Luna is a shining example for women everywhere of just endless resilience," she said.

To learn more about the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre, follow the progress of the 2021 pups or vote on their names, visit https://www.haliburtonforest.com/things-to-do/wolf-centre/.

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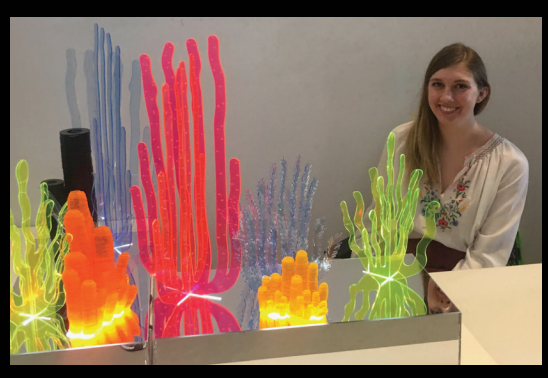

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There's almost always an interesting story behind a name

CAROL LEANNE CROSSLEY
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Carol Leanne Crossley is searching for the identity of the nurse pictured left, who helped to deliver her into the world on March 30, 1966. / Submitted photo

Anticipating the arrival of their new beautiful baby in 1904, my great-grampa Samuel Reynolds and his wife Rosina mutually decided upon this new baby's name. If the newborn was a girl she would be called Caroline May. And so a girl was born on May 22, 1904.

Sometime after the arrival, the birth certificate for this new little bundle arrived in the mail. To Rosina's surprise, she noticed that the document actually listed their baby's name as Carrie May and not Caroline May as she and her husband had intended.

Great-gramma Reynolds questioned her husband on the discrepancy of this as he was the one who had gone to the registry office after the birth. Great-grampa dismissed his wife's concern and suggested that someone at the registry office had most likely made a minor error and it was really nothing to worry about.

Rosina never really believed her husband's version of the mix up. As time would tell, for many years to come, this hard working farmer could be heard all the way from the barn, calling for his daughter - "Carrie, come and help your father!"

As Carrie, or Caroline, grew up she knew that she would always have two first names. One day she told this story to her friend, Maize Gunn. Then, on another day, while seated in her wheelchair, Maize wrote a poem for her friend Caroline. Maize tucked the poem away that day and forgot to give the verse to her. It wasn't until 20 years later, in 1963, that Maize sat down and wrote her friend a note and included this sweet poem:

Carol

I'm going to call you "Carol" Dear
For you mean a song to me.
Sometimes gay tinkles in the rain
A joyous melody.
Ore soft eyes dewy with a tear
A minor symphony,
So, I call you Carol, Dear
For you mean a song to me.

My name is Carol Leanne and I was born the eighth child of my parents. I am the youngest of eight children; three boys and then, five girls. As you can imagine, my mother was very tired.

I was born at the Haliburton Red Cross Outpost Hospital on March 30, 1966. Nurse Velma, returning yet again for another night shift, found my mother, Doris Brown still labouring after two days and nights.

"Oh my goodness, Mrs. Brown, still no baby?" she exclaimed.

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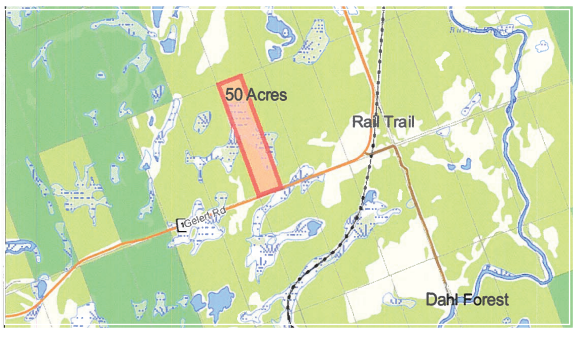

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My parents' final baby, named in part after the doctor who delivered me

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It would be yet another 12 hours before I was born as there were no other medical interventions available in this small, rural eight-bed hospital.

My mother was so grateful for the skilled delivery of her newest baby, another girl.

My mother told my father that they should name their new baby Carol to pay respect to both Dr. Louis Carroll, who delivered their 5lb 7oz healthy baby, and also to honour her own sweet mother, Carrie/Caroline Reynolds Berry.

Dr. Carroll had not only delivered the Brown family's newest bundle of joy but also delivered, with the assistance of his caring nursing staff, their 5th, 6th and 7th babies as well. My mom, ever so grateful, did not take the Haliburton hospital medical team for granted.

Although her eighth delivery was uneventful, her 6th and 7th were not. The baby girls born prior to me had required round-the-clock extra attention from the nurses and Dr. Carroll due to feeding and breathing difficulties. Both my sisters had been kept in the hospital for weeks after the initial post-delivery stay of 10 days.

Just moments after I was born, Dr. Carroll walked out to the hall, congratulated my dad and immediately and sternly also told him that the "shop was now to be closed." My mother told me that Dr. Carroll was good and firm with my father and also said to him, "'No more babies, Mr. Brown as the next one is going to kill her."

My dad was always so supportive of my mother and did understand the ''27 hour day' that a mother with several children had to endure. Although back then, fathers were not expected to be so involved in raising the children, my father was one such dad that really did care so very much, even down to naming the little ones.

In the 1960s it was normal for new mothers and their babies to stay in the hospital for 10 days. Oh, how things have changed. The nurses were there to support both moms and babes, so that by day 10, both could leave the hospital rested and well on their way.

Knowing what was awaiting her back home, my mom shared with me just recently that she was secretly wishing

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Each month we post a photo from one of the shows we presented over the past two decades. The challenge for you is to identify the show and the year it was presented. There could be additional questions as well, depending on the whims of the quizmaster. All you have to do is submit your answers to

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by the 25th of the month. We will select one winner from all the correct entries we receive. The winner will receive two tickets to any of the next season's shows. A new photo will be posted at the beginning of each month at which time we'll announce the winner of the previous contest.

It is as simple as that.

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….just a nostalgic stroll down our theatrical memory lane and a chance to score some tickets to the next Highlands Summer Festival season.

We have a winner for Contest # 12. Glen Carter correctly identified the cast picture and also commented how much the old photos bring back great memories. (Glen appeared in a number of Festival productions including The Sunshine Boys and The Affections of May among others.) The photo shows a shot of the cast of the musical The Perilous Pirate's Daughter, presented in the 2005 season. The play was written by David Archibald and Anne Chislett with music and lyric by Archibald. This hardy band of buccaneers included, approximately left to right, playwright David Archibald, Christine Archer, Shane Dibblee, Jocelyn Regina, Mitch Rea, Benton Brown, Tim Nicholson, Tyson Farrell, Dan Falk, Kathryn Boyd, David Mills, Tom Regina and Michael Johnson (not related to pirate Bill Johnson).So, on to the next challenge and two pairs of tickets waiting for the lucky winner.

Contest #13

Here are some faces you have seen before. To win the contest we'll need the names of all three, the name of the play and the year it was performed.

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Watch for the winner to be announced and the next contest in this location in early July. *Good Luck!!!*

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Andy Campbell
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- Prices are up
- Seller's market
- Big demand for waterfront and bush lots

Gloria Carnochan* &
Brean Budel*
754-1932

Lt Kennisis Executive $1,499,000

- Architecturally Designed Post & Beam Structure
- 3 Bdrm , 3 Levels, 2 Fire PL, 4 Baths, Decks
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- Granite, Flag Stone, Lg Beams, Deep Swimming

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Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 226

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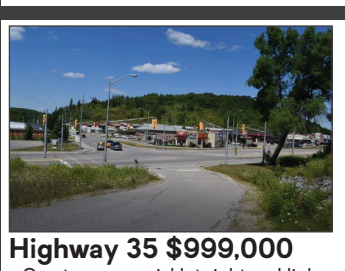

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Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 133

Mink Rd.

- Approx 1 acre, nicely forested, good privacy
- Close to public access to Long/Miskwabi Lake
- Year-round Municipal Road access
- Minutes to Haliburton Village

David Lee*
286-2138 x 227

Minden Home $199,000

- 2 bedroom home close to town.
- New Fap furnace. roof reshingled 3 yrs ago.
- Easy access needs some TLC.

Donna McCallum*
455-2054

Drag Lake

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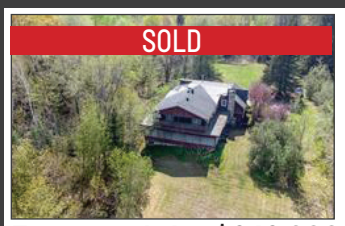
- 1610 sf, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths
- Open concept, cathedral ceilings
- Clean, clear waterfront, large lake



Brandon Nimigon***
457-2128 x 127

Fortescue Lake $949,000

- 3970 sf, 6 bdrms, 2 baths
- Restored log room w/stone FP
- 33 wooded acres, 543ft waterfront
- Usable barn for animals or storage

Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

Miskwabi Lk access $649,000

- 4 season chalet, 3 bdrm, 1 bath
- Open concept kit/DR/LR
- Private, includes abutting lot
- Deed access to lake, incl dock

Kelly Kay*
705-457-6841
Kirsten Rae*
705-854-1454

Stanhope Airport Rd

- 2 bedroom, 3 bath, 1215 sf
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Ingoldsby Area Home $629,000

- 3 bdrms/2 baths
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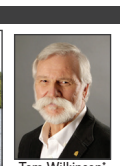

Tom Wilkinson*
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Salerno Lake $349,000

- 172' waterfront Lot, 1.17 acres
- Sunset exposure
- Ideal for walkout basement

Andrea Wilson**
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Percy Lake $779,000

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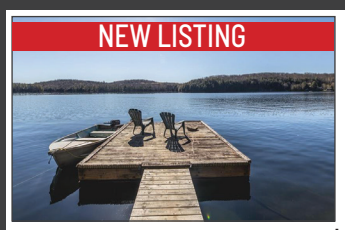
- 1000+ FT of clean rock & sand shoreline
- Afternoon & evening sun, stunning views
- Several building locations to choose from

Kirby Keks*
705-457-2128
x138

Close to Minden

- 8.82 acres 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath
- Walkout basement



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My father used to refer to me as '*The Last of the Mohicans*'

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25th Annual General Meeting of
Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation
Thursday, June 24, 2021
2:00 p.m.
(Meeting Agenda - Business of the Corporation: Reports of the CEO and Board, Chief of Staff, Auditor, Foundation, Nominating Committee, Election of Directors, and Appointment of Auditors)

Due to the limitations on public gatherings mandated by the government of Ontario as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the 25th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held as a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom application. In order to participate, Corporation members and members of the public who wish to attend will require an invitation, which will provide further information on how to participate.

For further information or to arrange for an invitation, please contact:

Marlene Vieira
HHHS Administration Office
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that Dr. Carroll might find some small reason to keep her baby for a few extra days. She was hoping she could return home to her other excited seven children and leave me, the eighth, for just a few more days in the excellent care of the nurses. Day 10 arrived and Dr. Carroll made his rounds.

"Well Mrs. Brown … you know I would really like to keep this one for your sake, but I am afraid I cannot. I am afraid to say that there is nothing wrong with this little one… she was born with her mouth open," Dr. Carroll said.

'Til just a short time ago, I always thought Dr. Carroll meant that I was born ready to eat - I love to eat to this day. Until just a short time ago I did not know that a greater power had something else in store for me.

Many times in my young life when I was out with my father, he would introduce me as "*The Last of the Mohicans*," I really had no idea why - I was far too young to read the novel. As I grew to be an adult he changed this one-liner. As he handed me a $10 bill he would announce, "ah yes, we are the perfect 10!"

Recently I read *The Last of the Mohicans*. With fresh eyes I can now see that although the Haliburton Highlands in the1960s were far from the frontier described in the novel, there were in fact many challenges indeed for a large family - even if we were the perfect 10!

For some reason back in March of 1966, my father told my mother that he was not very fond of naming his eighth child Carol. My dad said that Leanne Carol would be acceptable to him as Leanne had a lovely ring to it. He did try to dig in his heels, he tried to hold his ground.

He said to my mom, "Leanne Carol sounds lovely, but I strongly disagree with her being called Carol Leanne."

Even though my mother was really too exhausted to argue, she remembered the battle over her own mother's name and stood her ground.

Growing up, somehow, I was called Leanne around the house but if anyone asks me now what my name is, I will proudly say I am Carol Leanne and ask them, "Would you like to hear a very interesting story?"

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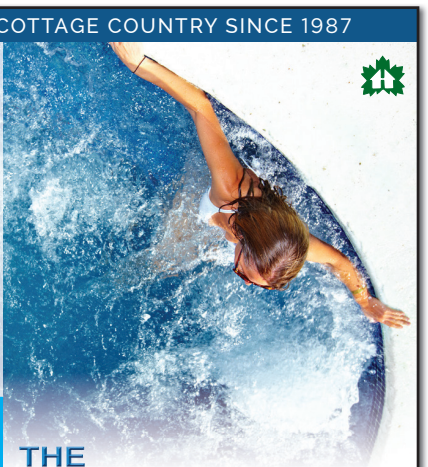

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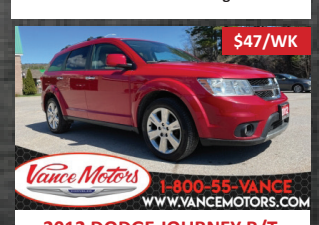

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Education budget up 8 percent

Education costs in Haliburton County will increase by almost eight per cent this year and as a result, local education taxes will be rising by an average of 6.6 per cent.

The board approved its 1988 budget last Tuesday, increasing the spending to $10.8 million. While this represents a 7.97 per cent increase over the 1987 budget, increased provincial support has helped reduce the impact on local taxpayers. Provincial grants will increase by almost 10 per cent this year to $3.99 million.

The average tax increase is 6.6 per cent, although the actual increase varies among the 10 municipalities. Cardiff will be hit with the highest increase, at 11.3 per cent. Dysart taxpayers will see a 10.9 per cent hike. In Lutterworth the increase will be 8 per cent; 7.3 per cent for Snowdon; 3.9 per cent for Stanhope; 3.8 per cent for Sherborne, 4.4 per cent for Monmouth; 3.4 per cent for Glamorgan; 3.1 per cent for Minden and .003 per cent for Bicroft.

In presenting the very brief budget summary Tuesday, Business Administrator Jim Bradley said the increase is primarily due to the increasing enrolment being experienced across the board. He said enrolment has risen by 10 per cent and is expected to continue climbing. This, along with the board's commitment to smaller class sizes and additional preparation time for teachers, has created a need for additional teachers. This will cost the board an additional $500,000 in salaries, said Bradley.

In addition, Bradley said the school buildings are aging and major work is planned for this year. Cardiff School will be getting a new roof at a cost of $50,000. Many new windows will be installed at the high school at a cost of $30,000. Bradley added that a number of smaller projects will add up to another $100,000 in capital costs.

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Dan Wullieme easily clears the bar in the Junior Boys' pole vault during the track and field meet at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Thursday. The meet was originally scheduled for Tuesday, but had to be postponed because of rain. Although the skies still threatened on Thursday, the rain held off and the meet went ahead with nine school records being broken. Wullieme finished second in his event clearing a height of 2.73 metres. For more pictures and a complete listing of results, see pages 10, 11 and 12.

Smoking ban resolution defeated

Problems need to be worked out

After more than two years of deliberations, the Haliburton County Board of Education is not yet ready to declare its buildings smoke-free areas.

With a 10-3 recorded vote at Tuesday's meeting, trustees defeated a motion that would have outlawed smoking in all buildings owned by the board, except those being rented out.

Although most trustees spoke in favour of eliminating smoking within the buildings, a number of problems would first need ironing out before they would be willing to pass such a motion. One of the main problems noted is the irony that would be created by denying teachers a smoking area while allowing students to continue their practice in the school yard.

Trustee Len Salvatori objected to the proposal on these grounds. "We're telling adults you can't smoke, but it's okay for the students," he said. "Some place along the way we have to let the students know there is no smoking."

He suggested that the school grounds should also be included in the no-smoking area and moved an amendment to the motion. However, no one would second Salvatori's amendment.

Board Chairman Lynn Craigmyle was the main proponent of the smoking ban. He said the board has been discussing this issue for two years and unless something is done, the debate could go on for another ten years.

The problem is that non-smoking teachers have to share a building with smokers. Although all the schools have designated smoking areas, these are generally located in the

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HALIBURTON LAKE $799,000

Prestigious Haliburton Lake. 3-bdrm, 1 bath seasonal cottage. Stunning Western exposure and 111 ft of frontage of deep clean rock and sand shoreline. Many recent improvements. Spacious kitchen finished. Open concept dining and living area Detached double garage. This turnkey, fully furnished cottage is move in ready.

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KENNISIS LAKE $699,000

It's the perfect opportunity to get into the cottage market. 3-bdrm, 1 bath seasonal cottage. Enjoy the stunning sunsets, gorgeous clean, rock shoreline with 104+ ft of frontage. Level lot . Open concept with a true cottage feel. Enjoy the bright sunny sitting room. This traditional cottage allows you to put your feet up, relax and enjoy the luxuries of Kennisis Lake!

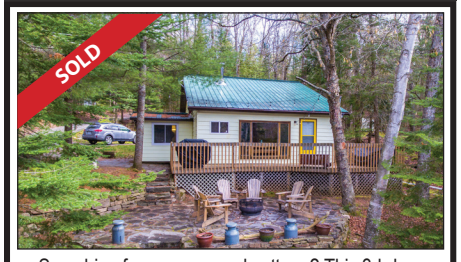
HALIBURTON LAKE $685,000

This fully furnished 3-bedrm, 2 bath cottage is located on popular Haliburton Lake and is move in ready! Open concept kitchen and dining area. Ample storage space in kitchen, finished with wood cabinetry, stainless steel appliances and large island. Spacious living room with vaulted wood ceilings and unique stone surrounded woodstove. Loft is finished and is a great place for the young ones to escape to. Sand, rock shoreline with private docking system and sitting deck at water's edge.

KENNISIS LAKE $680,000

This 3-bdrm, 1 bath seasonal cottage is move in ready. Spacious kitchen with open concept to the dining area. Livingroom features beautiful pine ceiling and beams and ample natural lighting. Large boathouse / garage is great for storage. Enjoy the big lake views at the waters edge on your spacious sitting deck. Don't miss this great opportunity to get on Kennisis Lake.

DRAG LAKE $599,000



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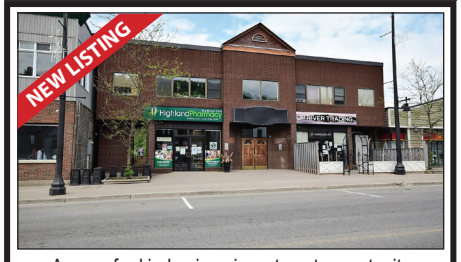

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